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Submission for Review: 3206-0174, Survivor Annuity Election for a Spouse, RI 20-63; Cover Letter Giving Information About The Cost to Elect Less Than the Maximum Survivor Annuity, RI 20-116; Cover Letter Giving Information About the Cost to Elect the Maximum Survivor Annuity, RI 20-117

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an extension without change, of a currently approved information collection request (ICR) 3206-0174, Survivor Annuity Election for a Spouse (RI 20-63), Cover Letter Giving Information about the Cost to Elect Less Than the Maximum Survivor Annuity (RI 20-116) and Cover Letter Giving Information About the Cost to Elect the Maximum Survivor Annuity (RI 20-117). As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESS: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to Retirement Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Alberta Butler, Room 2347E, or sent via electronic mail to Alberta.Butler@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3316-AC, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson or sent via electronic mail to Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov or faxed to (202) 606-0910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of OPM's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

RI 20-63 is used by annuitants to elect a reduced annuity with a survivor annuity for their spouse.

RI 20-116 is a cover letter for RI 20-63 giving information about the cost to elect less than the maximum survivor annuity. This letter is used to supply the information that may have been requested by the annuitant about the cost of electing less than the maximum survivor annuity.

RI 20-117 is a cover letter for RI 20-63 giving information about the cost to elect the maximum survivor annuity.

ANALYSIS:

Agency: Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management

Title: Survivor Annuity Election for a Spouse/Cover Letter Giving Information about the Cost to Elect Less Than the Maximum Survivor Annuity/Cover Letter Giving Information about the Cost to Elect the Maximum Survivor Annuity

OMB Number: 3206-0174

Frequency: On occasion

Affected Public: Individuals or Households

Number of Respondents: RI 20-63= 2,200; RI 20-116 & RI 20-117 = 200

Estimated Time per Respondent: 55 minutes [RI 20-63 = 45 min., RI 20-116 & 20-117 = 10 min.]

Total Burden Hours: 1,834

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